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Dear Parent/Carer

Cowes Enterprise College has now received the results of the Ofsted inspection carried out before Christmas. The full details of the report are available on the College website under the news section.

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The College has been judged as overall inadequate and has been placed in special measures. The main areas of weakness identified are around the quality of pupil progress, teaching and learning, curriculum and leadership. The College Trust and Governing Body are identified as a strength and ambitious for their pupils and the community. The report recognises they are challenging the College to improve.

Governors and leaders of the College have expressed their extreme disappointment but are taking seriously the challenges that are presented in the report. The Governing Body has already, with the support of the Local Authority, taken action to secure improvement and is actively seeking an external improvement partner of national reputation to support the College.

The Principal Jonathan Russell, as previously reported, has resigned from the College and an Interim Principal from the Senior Leadership Team, James Stewart has been appointed.

The actions already taken by the Governing Body give the opportunity to move the College towards Academy status. The government aims for all secondary schools to achieve Academy status over the next two years.

I regret that Ofsted regulations have made it impossible for us to comment until now. This has resulted in a great deal of speculation which we appreciate has been very unsettling for parents, students and staff.

There will be an opportunity open to all parents to attend a public meeting at 7:00pm in Cowes Enterprise College Main Hall on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January where questions about the Ofsted report can be raised and, more importantly, further information will be provided on how the College will be improved.

May I reassure you that the Trust, Governors and staff are passionately committed to delivering the best possible education for your child.

Yours sincerely



Alan Wells

Chair Cowes Enterprise College Governing Body